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P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO 1st OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This responds to the Office Action of March 2, 2005.

Claims 1-18 were previously presented. Claims 1-16 have been withdrawn, Claims 17 and 18 have been amended, and Claim 19 has been added. Thus, after entry of the present response, Claims 17-19 will be pending.

As suggested by the Examiner, Claim 18 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant believes, at least, Claim 18 is allowable.

In view of the suggested amended to Claim 18, Claim 17 has been amended to better define the subject matter, while new Claim 19 further defines Claim 17.

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Applicant respectfully submits that the foregoing claims should be allowable, notice whereof is respectfully requested of the Examiner.

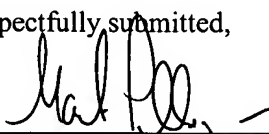
Applicant believes no fees are due, however in the event Applicant is incorrect, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2624.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the foregoing, or if the Examiner would like to discuss any remaining issues or new issues regarding this communication, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative of Applicant at (949) 718-6750.

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Respectfully submitted,



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